

to go on. I believe that I will. I started pacing myself and I said we were in for a marathon rather than a sprint, so a marathon requires great endurance, great determination and a sense that the end must be reached at all costs, and the end today of the race is twelve, midnight, unless we want to go to twelve-o-one. Then we can really put all of us to the test. We'll see who can continue long enough during tomorrow to justify having another day. Senator Hall, turning the page to those pistols is not a subtle message that I'm going to accept. (laugh) We have all kinds of things going on over in this section of the Legislature. This side of the aisle with a notable exception in the front row on the right-hand side, and maybe one or two others, this side of the aisle is really out of sight, (whispering) plus to my immediate left is a tall gentleman over here. Oh, Jim, good to see you. That's the way we get along. We're rapidly becoming one big happy family here today, and I don't think there has been the kind of rancor during this very lengthy discussion that has happened in the past, and yet the discussion that we're having today is an outgrowth of much rancor out in the lobby.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The ones out in the lobby, I mean on both sides, have been fighting and bickering and clawing at each other far more than we have done in here in the arena, and for once, the lions are able to look up into the coliseum and see the spectators going at it, and it's up to the lions this time to take our pause and say, thumbs down or thumbs up. One observation, because I'm running out of time, many people mistake what comes from the early days. Thumbs up did not mean you would live. Thumbs up, when the thumbs were up and outward, that meant the person would die. That meant death. If you wanted them to live, you pointed the thumbs toward the ground, so do you see how that which is erroneous can become so incorporated into people's minds and one accepts what somebody they respect says and they pass it on, that things become the opposite to what they really were. So with that bit of information, anytime somebody in this Chamber puts thumbs up, that means no. When they turn that thumb down, that means yes.

PRESIDENT: And that means your time has expired. Thank you. Senator Ashford, please, followed by Senator Schimek.